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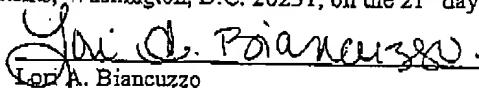
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 20, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification

Applicant presents a clean copy of the changes to the specification below and encloses a marked-up copy of the changes to the specification with bracketing and underlining.

Please delete the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 11 and replace it with the following:

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dependency_record = main_file_info ":" sub_file_info ["," sub_file_info] ":"
main_file_info = main_file_filename main_file filetype [(main_file_other_param)]
sub_file_info = sub_file_filename sub_file_filetype [(sub_file_other_param)]